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BLM Fire Restrictions Lifted in Socorro and Catron Counties

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is lifting all fire restrictions on public land managed by the Socorro Field Office as of Friday, July 16, 2004. The restrictions began June 15.

"I'd like to thank everyone who follow the guidelines and kept our public lands safe during this critical period," said Jonathan Smith, BLM Socorro Fire Management Officer. "Although wildland vegetation is still very dry, the recent rains and higher humidity have moderated fire behavior and reduced the fire hazard on Bureau of Land Management administered lands," remarked Smith.

This order allows the use of petroleum-fueled devices and open fires. The BLM recreation areas, campgrounds and trails in these areas are open to visitors. Check online at www.fs.fed.us/r3/fire, or call BLM Socorro for more information about fire conditions.

The BLM manages 13.4 million acres of public land in New Mexico and 47 million acres of federally owned mineral estate. The agency manages public lands and resources to sustain their health, diversity and productivity for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

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